



General Assembly

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**Substitute Bill No. 5497**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE LONG-TERM CARE  
OMBUDSMAN'S PROGRAM IN LONG-TERM CARE SETTINGS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Assisted living services agency" means an institution that  
4 provides, among other things, nursing services and assistance with  
5 activities of daily living to a population that is chronic and stable.

6 (2) "Managed residential community" means a facility consisting of  
7 private residential units that provides a managed group living  
8 arrangement, including housing and services for persons fifty-five  
9 years of age or older.

10 (b) The administrator of any managed residential community,  
11 served by an assisted living services agency, shall provide to each  
12 resident, at the time of admission to such residential managed  
13 community and to all current residents of such community, a written  
14 notice of the duties of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman,  
15 in a form and manner prescribed by the State Ombudsman. Such  
16 notice shall provide at a minimum: (1) A summary of the mission and  
17 statutory duties of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and  
18 (2) the name, address and telephone number of the ombudsman who

19 serves the region in which such managed residential community is  
 20 located. In addition, any assisted living services agency or managed  
 21 residential community shall post or cause to be posted in a  
 22 conspicuous place a notice, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
 23 State Ombudsman, that at a minimum contains the information  
 24 required by subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection.

25 (c) Any person who knowingly violates subsection (b) of this section  
 26 may be assessed a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed two  
 27 hundred fifty dollars. Any amount recovered shall be deposited in the  
 28 General Fund and credited to the appropriation to the Department of  
 29 Public Health and used by the department, to enforce the provisions of  
 30 this section and to promote greater public awareness of the Office of  
 31 the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and the role of residents' advocates  
 32 and private citizen advocacy groups.

33 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the  
 34 State Ombudsman, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
 35 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the  
 36 provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2006	New section

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**Joint Favorable Subst. C/R**

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